

Table 103. Personal crimes, 2001:

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**Percent of reasons for not reporting victimizations to the police,  
by race of victims and type of crime**

Race and type of crime	Percent of reasons for not reporting						
	Total	Reported to another official	Private or personal matter	Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	Not important enough	Insurance would not cover	Not aware crime occurred until later
<b>White</b>							
<b>All personal crimes</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>15.0 %</b>	<b>20.3 %</b>	<b>16.3 %</b>	<b>5.4 %</b>	<b>0.0 %*</b>	<b>0.4 %*</b>
Crimes of violence	100	14.9	20.9	16.6	5.3	0.0 *	0.3 *
Rape/Sexual assault/a	100	5.6 *	31.9	7.1 *	5.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Robbery	100	3.7 *	10.9 *	19.5	3.5 *	0.0 *	2.4 *
Assault	100	16.6	21.4	16.8	5.5	0.0 *	0.1 *
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	100	16.5 *	4.1 *	10.6 *	8.6 *	0.0 *	2.4 *
<b>Black</b>							
<b>All personal crimes</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>13.9 %</b>	<b>17.0 %</b>	<b>12.9 %</b>	<b>6.3 %*</b>	<b>0.0 %*</b>	<b>0.0 %*</b>
Crimes of violence	100	14.3	17.5	12.5	6.5 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Rape/Sexual assault/a	100 *	14.6 *	23.0 *	0.0 *	12.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Robbery	100	15.4 *	0.0 *	15.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Assault	100	14.2	19.6	13.1	7.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	100 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	24.2 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *

  

Race and type of crime	Percent of reasons for not reporting						
	Unable to recover property; no ID no.	Lack of proof	Police would not want to be bothered	Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	Fear of reprisal	Too inconvenient or time consuming	Other reasons
<b>White</b>							
<b>All personal crimes</b>	<b>0.5 %*</b>	<b>4.4 %</b>	<b>5.5 %</b>	<b>2.9 %</b>	<b>4.7 %</b>	<b>3.6 %</b>	<b>21.0 %</b>
Crimes of violence	0.3 *	3.8	5.4	3.0	4.9	3.7	20.9
Rape/Sexual assault/a	0.0 *	3.7 *	0.0 *	3.9 *	8.1 *	1.8 *	32.6
Robbery	1.2 *	10.8 *	2.1 *	9.5 *	7.6 *	7.5 *	21.3
Assault	0.3 *	3.1	6.0	2.2	4.4	3.4	20.3
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	4.6 *	18.4 *	8.0 *	2.7 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	24.1 *
<b>Black</b>							
<b>All personal crimes</b>	<b>0.0 %*</b>	<b>7.5 %</b>	<b>4.2 %*</b>	<b>2.2 %*</b>	<b>5.1 %*</b>	<b>4.1 %*</b>	<b>26.8 %</b>
Crimes of violence	0.0 *	6.8	4.4 *	1.3 *	5.3 *	4.2 *	27.1
Rape/Sexual assault/a	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	11.9 *	14.8 *	23.6 *
Robbery	0.0 *	35.8 *	20.1 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	13.5 *
Assault	0.0 *	3.3 *	2.5 *	1.6 *	5.5 *	4.0 *	29.2
Purse snatching/ Pocket picking	0.0 *	29.3 *	0.0 *	27.7 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	18.8 *

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.

\*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.